

HOUSE BILL 575

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Redeterminations of Eligibility for**
3 **Program Recipients in Nursing Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 develop and implement a streamlined process for the annual redetermination of
6 eligibility for certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on or
7 before a certain date; requiring the Department to report on the development
8 and implementation of the streamlined process to certain committees of the
9 General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; and
10 generally relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) In this section, “nursing facility” has the meaning stated in § 15–132 of
14 the Health – General Article.

15 (b) On or before October 1, 2011, the Department of Health and Mental
16 Hygiene shall develop and implement a streamlined process for the annual
17 redetermination of eligibility under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program of
18 Program recipients who require a nursing facility level of care.

19 (c) On or before December 1, 2011, the Department of Health and Mental
20 Hygiene shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on
21 the development and implementation of the streamlined process for the
22 redetermination of eligibility required under subsection (b) of this section to the
23 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House
24 Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations
25 Committee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2011.